

**Agenda for the Dade Heritage Trust Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2000
DHT Headquarters**

5:30-6:00 p.m.: Refreshments

6:00 p.m.--Call to order--President Enid Pinkney

Approval of Minutes

Guest: Neil Fritz of DDA's Main Street Program

Treasurer's Report

Executive Director's Report--

Office Manager has resigned--looking for replacement

Dade Heritage Days--Need for Sponsors!

Miami's Historic Neighborhoods book--deadline of April 1 to get all writing and photos to publisher to have printed by October 2000--last chance for Board to buy profiles of their company or firm!

President's Report

Advocacy--George Neary

"Building Bridges" Fundraiser at the Deering Estate--Dolly MacIntyre

Tours and Board Training--Judy Pruitt

City Cemetery --Penny Lambeth

Lummas Park--Richard Heisenbottle

Appointment of Nominating Committee by President

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, DHT, 5:30 pm

Party of the Year Not to be Missed: **'BUILDING BRIDGES FUNDRAISER'**
AT THE DEERING ESTATE SAT. MARCH 18th 7-10 P.M.

**Dade Heritage Trust
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jan. 19, 2000**

Present: J. Pruitt, George Neary, BRM, RPP, D. MacIntyre, Blanca Mesa, B. Murphy, R. Heisenbottle, Jane Caporelli, Raeganne Eastman, Penny Lambeth. Advisor: R. Jacobs

Absent: Enid Pinkney, Don MacCullough, Tina Lane, Luis Ajamil, B.J. Smith, Thom Grafton, Patricia Allen, Joyce Kory, Randall Robinson, Margaret Pelton, Gene Tinnie, Herb Sosa, Jeanette Poole, Neil Robertson

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Bill Murphy.

I. Approval of the Minutes of December 1st, 1999:

Motion to accept:

Moved- George Neary; Seconded- Richard Heisenbottle Passed. .

II. Treasurers Report: Bill Murphy presented the Treasurers Report. [Which included the DHT Statement of Financial Position, Cash flow report 12-01-1999 through 12-31-1999, Miami Historic Neighborhoods Book Income for Dec. 1999 Year End Donations, Holiday Party Income and Expenses, Budget Report 07-01-99 through 12-31-99.]

Bill explained that for the month DHT had a positive cash flow, partly the result of the income from the Holiday Party, and from "Year End Contributions". He stated that as a Board we need to continue to come up with "special ways" in which to raise funds, i.e. Fundraisers, Grants, and Special Events, and especially for the Board to support the Book Project by helping to sell profiles.

Ruth Jacobs suggested that DHT set up a way in which donations can be made in the form of a "Memorial Card." B. Matkov was advised to look into this possibility.

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report:

Moved-George Neary; Seconded- Richard Heisenbottle. Passed.

III. Executive Directors Report: Becky Matkov : See report for Jan. 19, 1999 Board Meeting -

Florida Trust/ DHT Tour and Reception at Bonnet House- DHT netted 15 new members and \$645 for DHT.

Preservation Today Magazine is at the printers.

Endangered Sites List-Released - George Neary greatly responsible for the Press Release and Press Conference.** See Report on Endangered Sites List in Jan. 19, 1999 Agenda.

Freedom Tower- The Mas Canosa Foundation called DHT the day following the release. Becky Matkov and George Neary then met with Jorge Mas, other Mas officials, and architect Raul Rodriguez Since that time the building has been secured, lighting installed and security guards are present. George Neary proposed that DHT revisit the progress of the Freedom Tower at our March meeting. Dolly MacIntyre requested that DHT write a letter to the MasTech observing the improvements and stating that DHT will be following the progress with great interest and request that the History of The Freedom Tower be included in the overall plan for the building. The owners stated that there will be an open house in May to show the plans for the building.

Thanks to all the Board members who helped to make the DHT Holiday Party such a success.

A meeting is planned with Pinecrest Mayor Evelyn Greer regarding Parrot Jungle. The board advised B.Matkov to report back.

IV. Presidents Report: Enid Pinkney was not available to report.

V. Projects- Lummus Park- Richard Heisenbottle reported on the positive potential for the Lummus Park area preservation project known as the "Miami River Apartment Project." There is now a preservation architect on the development team. Currently the plan is for three of the buildings to be restored and incorporated into the design with one of the buildings being moved. He stated that DHT needs to continue to support this redesigned project. A letter of support was sent to Mayor Carollo

VI. Advocacy- George Neary reported on:

"A Wake Up Walk Through Bicentennial Park"

Attended the Virginia Key Workshop- George requested that staff ask Thorn Grafton to give a report on Va. Key at the next board meeting.

George will look into having the Convention and Visitors Bureau host a meeting for Cultural and Preservation leaders in an effort to establish better relations among the organizations and area leaders.

VII. Building Bridges Fundraiser- Becky Matkov- March 18th 7pm -10pm- The Event is being planned by the five committee members. More Board members are needed to serve on this committee and to pledge to attend this "Kick Off Event for Dade Heritage Trust. All present voiced their support. Becky asked for the board members to volunteer to assume responsibility for different aspects of the event. The next committee meeting will be on Tues. Feb. 25th at the Deering Estate. The committee will evaluate and suggest the cost of the event P.P. DHT will be partnering with the Deering Estate on this event.

VIII. Board Training Workshop- Judy Pruitt-

Motion - For DHT

to have a Board Training Workshop on Feb 12th 9am-11:30am at the Miami River Inn.

Moved- Rich Heisenbottle- Seconded Penny Lambeth, Passed.

All Board Members will be expected to attend this meeting. Jane Caporelli suggested that we also invite "active" board members and advisors.

IX. City Cemetery and Tree- Mendous- Penny Lambeth-

The fence and the lighting are being completed.

The Eagle Scouts washed 500 markers, painted location markers, and straightened the markers. Penny requested that DHT write a letter of thanks to ??Rob Raymond

Penny requested that the 62nd Royal Poinciana festival which is in June be included in the Dade Heritage Brochure.

Motion- DHT to allow the advertising of the 62nd Royal Poinciana Festival schedule in June

to be included in the Dade Heritage Days Brochure for the year 2000. They will need to pay the \$50 fee.

Moved Richard Heisenbottle, Seconded- Jane Caporelli, Passed.

XII. General Discussion

Jane Caporelli requested that DHT evaluate each Historic Environmental Board agenda for items that need to be addressed by Becky Matkov and the DHT Board. Jane will give Sara Eaton the mailing list for the entire DHT Board and will request that an agenda be mailed to all each month. Dolly MacIntyre is working on the next newsletter and requests any articles be submitted as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next Board Meeting will be Feb 16th 5:30pm at DHT

Assets

Current Assets

Miami Circle Acct	\$ 20,671.37
Florida Lighthouse	10741.84
DHT Operating Acct.	20000.00
DHT Mutual Fund	2054.33

Prepaid Expenses	1256.89
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Total Current Assets	\$ 54,724.43
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Property & Equipment	\$ 25,463.00	
Accumulated Depreciation	(23128.00)	
		2335.00

Other Assets		100.00
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Deposits

Total Other Assets		0.00
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Total Assets	\$ 57,159.43
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Liabilities & Fund Balances

Current Liabilities

Refundable Advances:	\$ 13,090.54
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(Miami Historic Neighborhoods)

Total Current Liabilities	\$ 13,090.54
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Long-Term Liabilities	0.00
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Total Long-Term Liabilities	0.00
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Total Liabilities	\$ 13,090.54
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Fund Balances

Fund Balance - Unrestricted funds	\$ 34,068.89
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Temporary Restricted Funds	10000.00
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Total Fund Balances	\$ 44,068.89
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Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$ 57,159.43
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Profit & Loss Statement
01/01/00 Through 01/31/00

Category Description	01/01/00- 01/31/00
INCOME	
3100-Membership Dues	1,520.00
3200-Donations	741.00
3400-Publication Sales	213.30
3500-Meeting/Event Income	795.00
3900-Interest Income	9.05
3901-Investment/Dividend Income	42.45
TOTAL INCOME	3,320.80
EXPENSES	
5000-Salary Expenses	5,680.62
5115-DHT Meetings - catering	27.20
5400-Permits & Licenses	249.21
5600-Utilities	776.05
5750-Professional/Legal Fees	200.00
5800-Advertising & Promotion	750.00
5840-Seminars/Conferences/Meetings	75.00
5850-Photography, Signs & Banners	6.86
6010-Payroll Taxes	482.57
6015-Medical Insurance	341.00
6200-Vehicles Expense	13.90
6300-Payroll Processing Service	80.00
6310-Office Supplies	200.73
6330-Dues & Subscriptions	195.00
6520-Credit Card Discount Fees	5.30
6521-Credit Card discount fee - membership sales	30.69
6600-Rent	1.07
6610-Equipment - Lease & Maintenance	346.29
6810-Postage	21.00
6840-Alarm Monitoring	75.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.02
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,557.51
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	-6,236.71

Monthly Budget Report
01/01/00 Through 01/31/00

Category Description	01/01/00 Actual	- Budget	01/31/00 Difference
INCOME			
3000-Grants	0.00	5,833.00	-5,833.00
3100-Membership Dues	1,520.00	2,916.00	-1,396.00
3200-Donations	741.00	1,666.00	-925.00
3300-Administration Fees	0.00	166.00	-166.00
3350-Advertising Income	0.00	500.00	-500.00
3400-Publication Sales	213.30	729.00	-515.70
3450-Merchandise Sales	0.00	166.00	-166.00
3500-Meeting/Event Income	795.00	2,500.00	-1,705.00
3510-Tours Income	0.00	41.00	-41.00
3550-Sponsorship Donation	0.00	1,666.00	-1,666.00
3600-Other Income	0.00	291.00	-291.00
3900-Interest Income	9.05	12.50	-3.45
3901-Investment/Dividend Income	42.45	125.00	-82.55
3999-Reimbursement Expenses	0.00	8.00	-8.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,320.80	16,619.50	-13,298.70
EXPENSES			
5000-Salary Expenses	5,680.62	7,275.00	1,594.38
5100-Supplies	0.00	20.00	20.00
5115-DHT Meetings - catering	27.20	83.00	55.80
5120-Merchandise Purchase	0.00	83.00	83.00
5200-Design and Layout	0.00	125.00	125.00
5300-Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	208.00	208.00
5400-Permits & Licenses	249.21	100.00	-149.21
5450-Waste Removal	0.00	83.00	83.00
5500-Contract Services	0.00	100.00	100.00
5600-Utilities	776.05	150.00	-626.05
5700-Insurance	0.00	683.00	683.00
5710-Accountant Fees	0.00	250.00	250.00
5750-Professional/Legal Fees	200.00	62.50	-137.50
5800-Advertising & Promotion	750.00	2,075.00	1,325.00
5810-Printing	0.00	250.00	250.00
5820-Awards/Prizes & Gifts	0.00	150.00	150.00
5830-Special & Fundraising Events: Expenses/Catering/Spkrs	0.00	1,195.00	1,195.00
5840-Seminars/Conferences/Meetings	75.00	250.00	175.00
5850-Photography, Signs & Banners	6.86	125.00	118.14
5990-Misc. Licensing & Tax	0.00	41.00	41.00
5999-Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	41.00	41.00
6010-Payroll Taxes	482.57	583.00	100.43
6015-Medical Insurance	341.00	375.00	34.00
6200-Vehicles Expense	13.90	25.00	11.10
6300-Payroll Processing Service	80.00	79.00	-1.00
6310-Office Supplies	200.73	291.00	90.27
6320-Telephone	0.00	333.00	333.00
6330-Dues & Subscriptions	195.00	100.00	-95.00
6340-Meeting/Event Equipment Rental	0.00	125.00	125.00
6500-Bank Charges	0.00	8.00	8.00
6510-Books, Magazines & Publications	0.00	16.00	16.00
6520-Credit Card Discount Fees	5.30	33.00	27.70
6521-Credit Card discount fee - membership sales	30.69	20.00	-10.69

Monthly Budget Report
01/01/00 Through 01/31/00

Category Description	01/01/00 Actual	- Budget	01/31/00 Difference
6600-Rent	1.07	0.00	-1.07
6610-Equipment - Lease & Maintenance	346.29	333.00	-13.29
6710-Vehicle Insurance	0.00	12.00	12.00
6810-Postage	21.00	458.00	437.00
6830-Travel (Transportation & Lodging)	0.00	250.00	250.00
6840-Alarm Monitoring	75.00	58.00	-17.00
6930-Equipment purchases	0.00	166.00	166.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.02	0.00	-0.02
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,557.51	16,614.50	7,056.99
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	-6,236.71	5.00	-6,241.71

Reconciliation Summary

BANK STATEMENT – CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:

28,536.87

Checks and Payments
Deposits and Other Credits
Service Charge
Interest Earned

19 Items
8 Items
0 Items
1 Item

-9,646.54
3,164.00
0.00
37.96

Ending Balance of Bank Statement:

22,054.33

YOUR RECORDS – UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:

22,054.33

Checks and Payments
Deposits and Other Credits

10 Items
0 Items

-891.97
0.00

Register Balance as of 01/31/00:

Checks and Payments
Deposits and Other Credits

1 Item
1 Item

21,162.36
-3,487.64
175.00

Register Ending Balance:

17,887.68

Uncleared Transaction Detail up to 01/31/00

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Ctr	Amount
Uncleared Checks and Payments						
07/09/99	1621	Children's Cultural Coalition	Membership dues	6330/036		-50.00
01/06/00	1754	Rebecca R. Matkov		6200/011		-45.76
01/06/00	1757	Biscayne Bay Foundation	Seminar 1/28	5840/036		-50.00
01/24/00	1759	ZIP		6810/036		-21.00
01/24/00	1760	Office Depot		6310/036		-178.33
01/24/00	1761	DEPARTMENT OF STATE	Filing Annual Report	5400/036		-61.21
01/24/00	1762	Publix		5115/036		-49.60
01/24/00	1763	IOS Capital	Lease copier	6610/036		-235.00
01/24/00	1764	City Of Miami	Rent for 2000	6600/036		-1.07
01/24/00	1765	Paul George	Articles for book	5750/036		-200.00
Total Uncleared Checks and Payments				10 Items		-891.97
Uncleared Deposits and Other Credits						
Total Uncleared Deposits and Other Credits				0 Items		0.00
Total Uncleared Transactions				10 Items		-891.97

Reconciliation Summary

BANK STATEMENT – CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:

20,666.88

Checks and Payments

0 Items

0.00

Deposits and Other Credits

0 Items

0.00

Service Charge

0 Items

0.00

Interest Earned

1 Item

4.49

Ending Balance of Bank Statement:

20,666.88

YOUR RECORDS – UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:

20,666.88

Checks and Payments

0 Items

0.00

Deposits and Other Credits

0 Items

0.00

Register Balance as of 01/31/00:

20,666.88

Checks and Payments

0 Items

0.00

Deposits and Other Credits

0 Items

0.00

Register Ending Balance:

20,671.37

Reconciliation Summary

BANK STATEMENT – CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:

10,632.79

Checks and Payments

0 Items

0.00

Deposits and Other Credits

1 Item

100.00

Service Charge

0 Items

0.00

Interest Earned

1 Item

9.05

Ending Balance of Bank Statement:

10,732.79

YOUR RECORDS – UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:

10,732.79

Checks and Payments

0 Items

0.00

Deposits and Other Credits

0 Items

0.00

Register Balance as of 01/31/00:

10,732.79

Checks and Payments

0 Items

0.00

Deposits and Other Credits

0 Items

0.00

Register Ending Balance:

10,741.84

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TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	-6,251.71	5.00	-6,256.71

Executive Director's Report for February 16, 2000 DHT Board Meeting

Community Outreach and Meetings Attended:

Jan. 20--Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce meeting at Parrot Jungle

**Jan. 21--Leadership Florida breakfast at United Way
Meeting with Mayra Wenig re discounted wine service**

Jan. 24--RiverDay meeting at Rosenstiel School

Jan. 25--DHT Fundraising Committee Meeting at the Deering Estate

Jan. 26--Contacted Swire Properties, Bacardi Foundation's Robert O'Brien, and Pat Collier of Bell South Mobility re sponsorships of Dade Heritage Days

Jan. 27--Meeting with Joan Thompson and Pinecrest Mayor Evelyn Greer re Parrot Jungle and establishing Historic Preservation Committee. Persuaded Joan Thompson to chair DHT Deering fundraiser

Jan. 28--Biscayne Bay Partnership Initiative Conference at Wyndham; spoke with Governor Jeb Bush re his Foreword for our Historic Neighborhoods Book and reminded Mayor Penelas of our March 18th event in his honor

Jan. 31--DHT Deering Fundraiser Meeting at Joan Thompson's house

**Feb. 1--Chamber Breakfast of Champions meeting for Travel and Tourism
Meeting with Erik Speyer re paintings for Historic Book**

Feb. 2--Meeting for DHT with Chuck Flink, Greenways consultant for Trust for Public Land, re Miami River

Feb. 3--Discussion with Jean Whipple re Brickell Village & DHDays

**Feb. 7--RiverDay meeting at DHT
Meeting with Elena Carpenter of Coconut Grove Times and Brickell Post re special edition for DHDays**

Feb. 8--Meeting of Brickell Area Association with Comm. Johnny Winton

**Feb. 9—State of the Cultural Arts speech by Chairman Rick Sisser at the
County Commission Chambers
RiverDay meeting**

**Feb. 10—"Fundraising on the Internet" workshop at UM
DHT Deering Fundraiser Meeting at DHT
Advocacy Committee Meeting at DHT
Main Street Program at the Alfred I. Dupont Building**

Feb. 11—DHT Board Training with Anne Greene at the Miami River Inn

**Feb. 14—Secured and delivered photos to Coconut Grove Times for DHDays
special edition**

**Feb. 15—RiverDay meeting
Calls to Union Planters, Bell South Mobility, etc. re sponsorships**

**Feb. 16—Meeting with Debbie Tackett, Penny Lambeth and Blanca Mesa to
plan PR for DHDays**

Memorandum

To: DHT Board of Directors
Becky Matkov
From: M. McManus
Date: 02/16/00

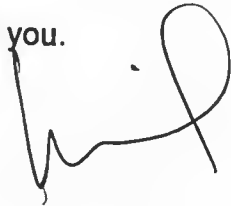
Dear all:

It is with sincere regret that I have to advise you that I will be leaving my job in Dade Heritage Trust as of February 22nd, 2000.

I have enjoyed working with you all and am thankful for the opportunity you offered, but I have accepted a position that represents a good and logical professional move for me, as well as a considerable increase in income.

I am aware that "busy times" approach with the celebration of Dade Heritage Days and have assured Becky I will be available to help out whenever needed. The work is up-to-date and I will leave a detailed list of any pending issues.

Once again, thank you.



MIAMI-DADE

UNION NATIONAL BANK
OF FLORIDA
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT

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DATE	CHECK NUMBER
02/09/2000	00029733

63-643
670

AMOUNT
\$ *****25,564.00

VOID AFTER 6 MONTHS

PAY

TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED,
SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS AND NO CENTSTo
The
Order
OfDADE HERITAGE TRUST INC
HISTORIC PRESERVTN CTR
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MIAMI FL 33131-3204

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DADE HERITAGE TRUST INC
HISTORIC PRESERVTN CTR
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MIAMI FL 33131-3204

From: BMesa26@aol.com <BMesa26@aol.com>
To: dhtrust@bellsouth.net <dhtrust@bellsouth.net>
Date: Monday, February 07, 2000 9:40 PM
Subject: Note to Becky: item for board meeting

Becky: I would like to put on the agenda the issue of the proposed airport in Homestead. The two national parks are not per se "historic properties" in the traditional sense -- but there are significant Tequesta Indian and other archaeological sites on the islands of Biscayne National Park. Just the same, I believe the Dade Heritage Trust should take a position in defense our community two national parks, Everglades and Biscayne.

The Board should note that although there is controversy locally about this issue, that nationally the sentiment is clear: the proposed airport would virtually destroy these two parks with added noise, air and water pollution, as well as seriously degrade the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary to the south. The Secretary of Interior and EPA director have both publicly stated their opposition to the airport because it would "degrade" the national parks. All the major national environmental organizations, including National Audubon, National Sierra, World Wildlife Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Defense Fund, the National Parks and Conservation Association, the National Center for Marine Conservation, the Izaak Walton League of America, National Wildlife Foundation, have also stated their opposition and are working together to stop the commercial development.

Please let me know if this can be put on the board's next agenda. I would be glad to talk about it and/or ask guest speaker to make a brief presentation.

Thank you.

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A headstone for a pioneer's grave

As a devout assimilationist, I attempt to avoid participation in various ethnic, gender or racial "months" such as this month's Black History Month or next month's Women's History Month. My belief is that if we continue to fractionalize American history based on ethnicity, gender or race, we'll never get a definitive understanding of this, or any, community.

The development of South Florida was the combined work of all elements of the population, regardless of roots but mindful that intolerance and sexism existed.

There are several schools of opinion on this subject. Among them:

► The participation of blacks and women is deeply woven into our history. When we separate them, we create a ersatz image.

► Were it not for the specific "month" designations, the participation of minorities would be so occluded as to seem inconsequential.

I don't know how anyone can relate the history of Miami and Miami-Dade

without a recognition of Julia Tuttle or Mary Brickell. How can anyone describe the formative years of Fort Lauderdale without also describing the pioneer efforts of Ivy Cromartie Stranahan?

It is the same with blacks. It was their labor that forged the way through the wilderness to run a railroad into South Florida; it was their toil that built the early hotels and their voter registrations that made it possible for Miami to incorporate in 1896.

By sticking ethnic and racial histories into a month, we minimize and segregate their participation. And even when those special "months" are acclaimed, there are some left out who should not be.

I noted that The Herald's Jan. 30 special section on Black History Month was devoid of a mention of A. C. Lightburn. So was a later Business Monday report on early black entrepreneurs.

Lightburn was a patriarch of Miami's birth, not a just black patriarch but a patriarch. He was an educator, religious pioneer, independent farmer, political activist and a strong family man.

He is credited by fellow pioneer Isidor Cohen as making the best speech on the day Miami's chose to incorporate their city in 1896. That same year, Lightburn chaired an organizational meeting of the Bethel AME

church in his home and later served as its superintendent. He owned and operated a farm in the midst of today's Overtown.

The following year, he was supervisor of what was called the Colored Schools of Miami, although there were no school buildings for blacks at the time. He challenged the fledgling Miami City Council and eventually won.

Now there is an effort to purchase a headstone for his grave at Miami City Cemetery. Lightburn died in 1910. Until last year, his grave was unmarked.

Miami City Cemetery sexton Clyde Cates and Parks Department employee Nicolai Mesa created and etched a small Portuguese-marble plaque marking the site — and added the deserved word: *Bravo*. Cates also brought to Lightburn's grave several coral rocks from the historic black beach on Virginia Key.

The Dade Heritage Trust's African-American Committee wants to place a full-sized headstone on Lightburn's grave. Trust President Enid Pinkney hopes to have it done for an April 30 ceremony. The problem is money. They're starting from scratch.

If you're going to talk about Miami's contributory pioneers — the Flaglers, Tuttle, Sewells, Brickells, Cohens — then A.C. Lightburn ought



The grave of A.C. Lightburn, one of Miami's contributory patriarchs

to be there, not representing a separate racial entity but as a man who was a significant part of Miami's composite history.

For details about how to contribute, call the Dade Heritage Trust at 305-358-9572.

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President's Report

January 28-29, attended workshop on preservation of Biscayne Bay

January 31- Attended Virginia Key Task Force meeting

February 1-Spoke to employees of State Attorney's office, 100 S. Biscayne Boulevard, about A. C. Lightbourne, the honorable Judge L. E. Thomas and other African American contributors to the History of Miami, and the Commemorative Service, to be held April 30, 2000

February 10-attended City Commission meeting re Lummus Park, spoke before the commission. Time spent -9:00 A. M. -1:00 P. M.

6:00 P. M. Attended Advocacy Committee

February 11, Attended meeting on the preservation of Bicentennial Park at Bayfront Park Offices, 301 N. Biscayne Boulevard

January 28-29, Attended two day workshop on Preservation of Biscayne Bay

February 14-Attended Virginia Key Task Force Committee Meeting

February 16-Wrote letter of Support of restoration of Virginia key Beach to City Commissioners

Other letters written requesting financial and in kind support for Commemorative Service

Karyn Williams-American Airlines

Fred Donnathan-Bahamasair

Michelle Thomas- American Airlines

Mr. Jorge Carbajal, President, Jorge and Jerry

Rev. John F. White, Pastor Greater Bethel A. M. E. Church

Rev. Victor Curry, Pastor New Birth Baptist Church

Letters in regards to Women's History Luncheon-